



**District of Columbia Courts
Joint Committee on Judicial Administration
Washington, D. C. 20001**



**JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION FOR THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**ORDER VACATING JOINT COMMITTEE COVID-19 ORDERS
FOR FACE COVERING OF JUNE 26, 2020 AND JANUARY 21, 2022,
AND PROOF OF VACCINATION OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
(Filed – March 31, 2023)**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-1701(b)(9), (c)(1), and (d), the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration (Joint Committee), with the concurrence of the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, shall have responsibility and is granted the authority over the policies and practices of the District of Columbia Courts system; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-1742(a), the Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Courts, subject to the supervision of the Joint Committee, is responsible for the management of court buildings; and

WHEREAS, The health, safety, and well-being of litigants, counsel, court visitors, and D.C. Courts employees, interns, and volunteers (hereinafter, “court personnel”), and on-site contractual staff; are of the utmost concern to the Joint Committee; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee responded to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and the resultant public health emergency in the District of Columbia by requiring measures, consistent with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to protect the health and safety of District of Columbia residents and

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee ordered all persons, including court personnel and on-site contractual staff, entering court buildings to wear a face covering or mask; and

WHEREAS, The Joint Committee ordered all D.C. court personnel and on-site contractual staff to provide proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with guidance issued by the CDC, the COVID-19 measures are no longer necessary to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of litigants, counsel, court visitors, court personnel, and on-site contractual staff.

NOW, THEREFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE finds all court personnel and on-site contractual staff are no longer required to provide proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing; and

THE JOINT COMMITTEE FURTHER finds that persons entering court buildings are no longer required to wear a face covering or mask; and

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ORDERS, this 31st day of March, that Joint Committee COVID-19 Orders of June 26, 2020, September, 2, 2021, and January 21, 2022, are vacated effective April 1, 2023; and

THE JOINT COMMITTEE FURTHER ORDERS, court personnel and on-site contractual staff are not required to provide proof of vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing; and

THE JOINT COMMITTEE FURTHER ORDERS, a person may, at their own discretion, choose to wear a face covering or mask and maintain social distance from others while in court buildings.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION:

Chief Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, D.C. Court of Appeals, Chair

Chief Judge Anita M. Josey-Herring, D.C. Superior Court

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